

Randolph Township Trustees Public Hearing Thursday, December 12, 2013

Chairman Roger Klodt opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. with the pledge. Present: Trustees Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, Sue White, FO Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, L. Klodt, G. Harrison, B. Murphy, D. Rice, J. Presley, D. Hermann, T. Baker

Roger stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing is for the demolition and clean-up of property located at 4766 Laubert Road belong to Todd Cameron. Roger turned the hearing over to Zoning Liaison Sue White.

Sue asked Dan to review the process of demolition. Dan stated Todd is at work and unable to attend the hearing tonight. Dan provided copies of the required documentation as outlined by Regional Planning for the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program. The grant money is available at no cost to taxpayers for the demolition of vacant, abandoned, and blighted properties within Portage County. Dan explained the process of obtaining a search warrant, title search, and inspections and reports from various departments. The cost of the demolition will be placed on the tax duplicate and a lien place upon the land to be collected as other taxes when, if ever, the land is sold. The appeal period is 30 days during which no demolition action can take place. Regional Planning will handle all the details of the demolition. Sue asked what Mr. Cameron had to say. Dan stated that he was very cooperative at the last meeting. Mr. Cameron did request that no action be taken until spring so he could get things out. Dan feels this is not practical since the grant expires in April. There was discussion about the legal landowner. Dan uses the property owner as stated on tax records. Since Mr. Cameron did not sign for the notice Dan personally delivered the certified notice to him. Sue would like Dan to contact Chris Meduri to make sure no one else needs to be notified. Mike commented that all items have been met. Mike stated that the purpose of the hearing is to give permission to Regional Planning to move forward with our Board approval. Roger asked Dan if we have followed all the legal steps. Dan stated that we have and explained the same issue we had years ago. Mike asked about the resolution and what happens if any hazard comes up. Dan stated that no official contract has been signed. The contractor that Regional Planning chooses will be responsible for walking the land and making note of any hazard. Mike commented that after we agree to the demolition it goes to Regional Planning for final approval. Sue does not have any problems moving forward but wants to make sure husband and wife, if Mr. Cameron is married, are both in agreement. There was discussion about the lien holders and their responsibility. Sue asked that Mr. Cameron also be given a copy of the resolution. Roger stated that they have the opportunity to appeal our decision within 30 days if there is any problem.


Sue asked if anyone has anything to say. Gary stated that it needs to be cleaned up. Mike asked if anyone has any comments about the property located 4766 Laubert Road and the Trustee's decision to move forward with demolition. Gary feels we should move forward as long as grant money is available.

Sue moved to approve the removal of the structure located at 4766 Laubert Road owned by Todd Cameron. Mike seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes. Resolution attached.

With no further business the hearing adjourned at 6:46 p.m.



Roger Klodt, Chairman



Mary A. Rodenbucher, Fiscal Officer